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Facebook's New Campus Design is for the Birds!

By Shani Kleinhaus

SCVAS' Environmental Advocate

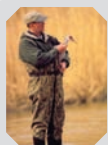
The Silicon Valley combines some of our most spectacular and important avian habitats along the Pacific flyways with a hub of innovation. Our valley is home to many of the most influential technology companies in the world – companies with global reach and influence. Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society hopes that our local companies champion nature on their campuses to benefit quality of life and workplace for their employees, communities, and the environment. Perhaps, as they improve their campuses for birds locally, they will set a global example of living in harmony with birds and nature. To this end, for the past three years we have been advocating with several local companies as they prepare to grow, and supporting them by providing information (and occasionally, advocating against a project that would impose unneeded damage to birds and the environment). Here, I would like to tell the story of our relationship with Facebook as they expand their new home in Menlo Park.

Facebook - The world's most popular social media website - moved its headquarters from downtown Palo Alto to the old Sun Microsystems campus by Dumbarton Bridge in 2011. Expecting to grow its workforce, Facebook planned to complement this existing campus with a new campus across Bayfront Expressway. Proud of their contemporary approach to a sustainable campus design, the company accounted for many environmental issues, looking to implement solutions for traffic impacts and air quality, contaminated soils, and energy and water conservation. What was missing in the initial campus design and its embrace of the environment, was a connection to the bay, the wetlands and sloughs, the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge and the Salt Pond Restoration project, and the many species of birds that utilize those habitats – common, rare, and some – endangered. Understandably, we were concerned. Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, together with Sequoia Audubon, the Citizen's Committee to Complete the Refuge, and several other environmental groups, asked Facebook and the City of Menlo Park to re-consider the potential impacts of

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ages and levels: check
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and seminars in
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the original campus design on avifauna. We also asked Facebook to look beyond what might be required for the environment as part of the planning and permitting process and to envision a unique bird friendly campus.

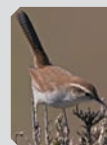
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General Membership Meetings Cubberley Community Center, Rm H1

Palo Alto - Middlefield & Montrose Rds

Doors open 7:30; program 8:00



Wednesday, January 16th

“Sandhill Crane Behavior”

with Paul Tebbel

Everyone agrees - Sandhill Cranes are big, loud and intriguing to watch! This program will help you become a crane enthusiast, moving you from merely “watching” cranes to “understanding” cranes. We will start with basic information about cranes then discuss common vocalizations, body language, identifying juveniles, subspecies differentiation, differences between dancing and aggression, and many other details that will help you better understand and appreciate these birds.

*Photos: Top left: Paul Tebbel (and crane), courtesy of Friends of the River
Top right: Bewick's Wren at Henry Coe State Park, courtesy of Ashok Khosla*

(Additional information and directions available at www.scvas.org or by calling the SCVAS office)

Wednesday, February 20th

“Henry Coe Recovery Project”

with Mike Rogers

In September 2007, the Lick Fire burned 47,760 acres, most of it within the 87,000 acres of Henry Coe State Park. Following the fire from 2008 to 2012, the Coe Team conducted bird surveys in the park to document the response of bird communities in various burned habitats and to relate any changes in these communities to the vegetation changes. Mike Rogers, member of the Coe Team, will present the data - and some surprising results - from this long-term study.

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Jan - Feb '13 Field Trips

(Full details for all of our Field Trips are also available online at www.scvas.org)

Please carpool if possible; bring binoculars, field guides, layered clothing.

LO = Lunch optional; RC = Heavy rain cancels; NF = No facilities available

Wednesday Jan. 2, Mt Hamilton CBC

Wednesday Jan. 2, 12:00 PM

City of Sunnyvale Landfill

One hour. **Leaders:** Freddy Howell and Allen Royer. Contact organizer Silviana Ruiz (408) 730-7545 to attend. **Directions:** Donald M. Somers Water Pollution Control Plant, junction of Borregas and Caribbean. Meet at trailhead at north end. **Difficulty Level:** Birding geared toward beginners. **Notes:** Bring binoculars; loaners also available. **RC**

Saturday Jan. 5, 7:30 AM

County Chase

Half day. **Leader:** Bob Reiling; (408) 253-7527. Get a head start on your 2013 County Year List with some vagrant chasing. **Directions:** Meet near the entrance to the Alviso Marina parking lot. From Hwy 237 in San Jose take Gold St. north to the end, bear left on Elizabeth St. and then right on Hope St. to the Marina parking lot. **Notes:** Bring a full tank of gas, lunch, and field guides as we attempt to track down some of the unusual birds seen on the Christmas Bird Counts in Santa Clara County. Be prepared to carpool as parking may be limited at some sites. **RC**

Sunday Jan. 6, 8:00 AM

Panoche Valley

Full day. **Leader:** Clay Kempf; (831) 761-8260. **Directions:** Meet at Paicines Store on Hwy 25 approx. 11 miles south of Hollister. **Highlights:** This is one of our better "out of the county" field trips traversing oak woodland and open grassland via back roads into a unique habitat. Targeted species include Phainopepla, Mountain Bluebird, Prairie Falcon, Ferruginous Hawk and Golden Eagle; other possibilities include Mountain Plover, Bald Eagle, Vesper Sparrow, Greater Roadrunner and Chukar. **Notes:** Bring lunch and a full tank of gas; carpooling is strongly recommended due to limited parking on the narrow roads. **IMPORTANT:** Do not expect to use the restrooms at the Paicines Store, as their use is limited to paying customers (we encourage patronage of local businesses).

Wednesday Jan. 9, 8:30 AM

Gilroy Water Treatment Facility

Half Day. **Leader:** Dennis Porter; (408) 205-0535. **Directions:** We will carpool from McDonald's on Cochrane Road in Morgan Hill. Take Hwy 101 south: exit Cochrane Rd. and turn right. Turn left at first stop light and park by McDonald's. We'll carpool from here; do not meet at birding site. **Highlights:** We'll drive the levees for ducks and shorebirds. **Notes:** Scopes would be helpful. **RC**

Local Phone Contacts Reminder:

Remember: You now have to dial a "1" to call a 408 phone number (1 + 408 + 7-digit phone number) no matter your area code of origin. This includes residents within the 408 area code itself.

Saturday Jan. 12, 8:00 AM

Alum Rock Park

Half day. **Leader:** Jim Johnson (408) 966-3506. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 or I-680 take McKee Rd. northeast toward the hills then left on Toyon Ave., right on Penitencia Creek Rd. and continue on into the park. Pass under the bridge and meet at the far end of the upper parking lot. **Difficulty Level:** This is a moderately strenuous 3-4 mile walk. **Highlights:** Resident breeding birds (possible Rufous-crowned Sparrow, and Canyon Wren if we are lucky) early migrants, and lingering winter birds. **Notes:** Be prepared for some mud! Expect to pay an entrance fee. **LO, RC**

Sunday Jan. 13, 8:00 AM

Los Capitancillos Ponds

Half day. **Leader:** Ann Verdi (408) 266-5108. **Directions:** From Hwy 85, go south on Camden Ave. just past Blossom Hill Rd. Turn left on Singletree Way as soon as you pass Beacon School. Park on Singletree Way. We will meet at the trail entrance located on the right just beyond the power plant. **Highlights:** We will bird ponds that are often filled with a wide variety of waterfowl and gulls, a nearby creek for riparian



birds as well as other areas closely associated with the ponds that attract birds. **RC**

Saturday Jan. 19, 8:00 AM Charleston Slough

Half day. **Leader:** Steve Tracey (408) 996-3860.

Directions: From Hwy 101 in Mt. View take San Antonio

Rd. north to Terminal Way parking area. Meet at the entrance nearest San Antonio Rd. **Difficulty Level:** This trip is recommended for beginning birders but all are encouraged to attend. **Notes:** Bring your spotting scope and a friend.

Sunday Jan. 20, 8:15 AM

Arastradero OSP

Half day. **Leader:** Rich Page (408) 377-1092. **Directions:** From I-280 take Page Mill Rd. west; turn right on Arastradero Rd. and meet in the parking lot about 1/2 mile on the right. **Difficulty Level:** Moderate walking. **RC**

Saturday Jan. 26, 8:00 AM

Ogier Ponds

Half day. **Leader:** Kirsten Holmquist (408) 747-0988. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 in Morgan Hill take Cochrane Rd. west to Monterey Hwy, turn right, go north 2.6 miles, turn right towards the Model Airplane Park (street is unnamed). Follow the road for 1/4 mile and park in the gravel lot at the first bend in the road (meet at the gate if the entrance is locked). **RC**

Sunday Jan. 27, 8:30 AM

Coyote Reservoir

Half Day. **Leader:** Bob Reiling (408) 253-7527. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 in Gilroy take Leavesley Rd. east for 1.5 miles, turn left on New Ave. then right on Roop Rd. Go left at the "T" intersection, then after 1.3 miles left again on Coyote Reservoir Rd. and on to the Lakeview Picnic area on the right. **LO, RC**

Saturday Feb. 2, 9:00 AM

San Francisco's Southern Parks

Half Day. **Leader:** Alan Hopkins (415) 664-0983, Cell phone (415) 794-0281.

Directions: Heading north on Hwy 101 take the Candlestick/3Com Park off ramp just after passing Brisbane Lagoon. Continue east along Harney Way and turn right onto Jamestown/Hunters Point Expwy. If no locked gate is encountered then drive along the Expwy, watch for the entrance to

Field Trips *continued*

Candlestick State Recreation Area on the right and enter (no fee). We will meet at the [southern-most] end of the paved road that runs through the park. If gate is locked, meet in front of gate. **Highlights:** A good field trip to see shorebirds, bay ducks, loons and raptors. We will also visit San Francisco's second largest park - McLaren Park - for land birds and a few dabbling ducks. Other lesser-known but bird-y parks may be visited, time permitting. **RC**

Sunday Feb. 3, 8:30 AM

Merced & San Luis Wildlife Refuges

Full day. **Leader:** Rich Page (408) 377-1092. **Directions:** Meet at the parking area near the first Observation Platform in Merced National Wildlife Refuge. From Hwy 101 in Gilroy take Hwy 152 east thru Los Banos, (no services past Los Banos, so check your gas gauge), approx. 20 miles then north 7 miles on Rte 59 to Sandy Mush Rd., turn left approx. 8 miles to Merced Wildlife Refuge, on the left. Allow 2.5 hrs driving time from San Jose, more if it's foggy. **Highlights:** Raptors, ducks, geese, Great Horned Owls, Sandhill Cranes and White-faced Ibis possible. **Notes:** This will primarily be a driving bird trip so FRS radios (Walkie-Talkies) set to channel 11 will prove to be of value. After the Merced Wildlife Refuge we will caravan to the San Luis Wildlife Refuge for lunch and more birding. Dress in layers; bring lunch, liquids, and a full tank of gas. **RC**

Wednesday Feb. 6, 12:00 PM

City of Sunnyvale Landfill

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Saturday Feb. 9, 9:00 AM

Pescadero Marsh and Vicinity

Half day. **Leader:** Sue James (650) 348-0315. **Directions:** Meet at first parking lot south of the bridge over Pescadero Creek on Hwy 1. **Highlights:** Shorebirds, gulls, grebes, and ducks possible. **Notes:** Don't forget to bring that spotting scope. **RC**

Sunday Feb. 10, 8:00 AM

Shoreline Lake and Environs

Half day. **Leader:** Frank Vanslager (650) 961-1505. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 take Shoreline Blvd. and proceed north to its end (on past the golf course). Meet in the parking lot near the boathouse. **Highlights:** Expected species include ducks, gulls, some shorebirds, and a few riparian birds. **Difficulty Level:** A moderately long, but level, loop trip. **RC**

Wednesday Feb. 13, 1:00 PM

Coyote Valley

Half Day. **Leader:** Don Starks; (408) 266-2969. **NOTE:** This is an AFTERNOON field trip. **Directions:** Take Hwy 101 South, exit right (west) onto Bailey Rd. Turn left on Hale/Santa Teresa Blvd. In .8 miles, turn right on west Laguna Ave. **Highlights:** Raptors. **RC**

Saturday Feb. 16, 8:00 AM

Oka Ponds

Half Day. **Leader:** Jim Johnson (408) 996--3506. **Directions:** From Hwy 17 in Los Gatos take Lark Ave. exit west. Turn right on Oka Rd., left on Mozart Ave. and an immediate right on Oka Lane. Meet at the gate at the end of the lane. **RC**

Sunday Feb. 17, 8:00 AM

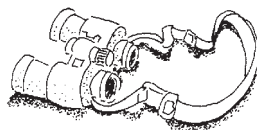
Lake Cunningham Park

Half day. **Leader:** TBD, for information contact Bob Reiling (408) 253-7527. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 in San Jose go East on Tully to the entrance to Lake Cunningham Park, 0.3 miles past Capitol Expwy (Raging Waters). Turn left into the park and left again at the entrance booth. Meet in the Marina parking lot. **Notes:** There is now a \$6 entrance fee.

Saturday Feb. 23, 8:30 AM

Coyote Hills Regional Park

Half day. **Leader:** Frank Vanslager (650) 961-1505. **Directions:** Take Hwy 84, Dumbarton Bridge, east towards Newark. Exit right on Thornton, then left over freeway, as Thornton becomes Paseo Padre. Turn left at Patterson Ranch/Commerce Rd. into park. Meet at far end of Quarry Parking lot ¼ mile past park entrance. **Notes:** An entrance fee should be expected. **LO, RC**



Sunday Feb. 24, 7:30 AM

Santa Cruz Coastal Hot Spots

Half Day (optional plus). **Leader:** Todd Newberry, Santa Cruz Bird Club (831) 426-8741. **Directions:** Meet 7:30 A.M. at the Santa Cruz lighthouse on W. Cliff Drive. From Hwy 17 take Hwy 1 "north" (toward Half Moon Bay), turn left on Bay St. (just after McDonald's), go to its end, turn right onto W. Cliff Dr., follow bluff-top to lighthouse. **Highlights:** A chance to visit local birding hot spots and to chase recently reported goodies. **Notes:** Dress in layers; Todd's trip goes rain or shine. For those running late, we will be on West Cliff Dr. at 8 AM, checking inter-tidal shelves as we approach the Natural Bridges overlook at the west end of West Cliff Dr.

Saturday Mar. 2, 8:00 AM

Windy Hill OSP

Half day. **Leader:** Kirsten Holmquist (408) 747-0988. **Directions:** Meet in the parking lot at Sausal Pond edge of the preserve. From I-280 in Portola Valley take Alpine Rd. south (toward hills) about 2.9 miles to the first stop sign, turn right on Portola Rd. and go 0.8 miles to the parking lot on the left side of the road just past The Sequoias. **RC**

Sunday Mar 3, 9:00 AM

Stanford Campus

Half day. **Leader:** Dick Stovel (650) 856-6105. **Directions:** From Hwy 101 in Palo Alto take University Ave. exit west through downtown and into Stanford campus (University Ave. becomes Palm Dr.). Meet at the end of Palm Dr. at entrance to Main Quad. **Highlights:** Local breeding birds and early returning migrants. **Difficulty Level:** This field trip is highly recommended for beginning birders. **RC**



Get ready for a great birding year in 2013 - come visit the SCVAS Nature Shop!

Director's Corner

by Bob Power
Executive Director



The end of the year is always a time of reflection for me and probably for many of you as well. During our annual open house, I was talking to Rick Roberts who was describing the enormous logistical disaster his company was experiencing on the east coast. They had been clobbered by Hurricane Sandy. And it occurred to me that this was just one conversation with one individual about one company. And there are thousands of stories like Rick's. That conversation helped me reflect on the past year, how lucky we've been, and how thankful I am.

Due to the generosity of our members, we have a dedicated and professional staff. Ninety-seven percent of the Audubon chapters in North America do not have staff. The efforts of those chapters are limited to the willingness of their volunteers to watchdog conservation issues and launch education programs. We have the best of both worlds: committed volunteers to help our conservation and education efforts, along with dedicated staff. This combination of volunteerism and staff leadership makes us extremely effective as an organization devoted to protect our local environment. That's a lot to be thankful for.

Our volunteers and staff worked to see the approval of a Burrowing Owl Preserve at Shoreline of Mt. View, development of Facebook's extraordinary bird friendly architecture plan, coordination of over 100 field trips and classes, and a student outreach effort that reached over 2500 under-served students.

A column of this nature doesn't lend itself to a list of all of the activities of the chapter on behalf of birds and all of the committees and volunteers who dedicate themselves to conservation and education. I'll just sum up by saying that I'm thankful I get to work with you and for you, to protect birds, and educate the next generation.

Best wishes for a happy new year.

Conservation Corner

By Shani Kleinhaus
Environmental Advocate

After many years of chairing both our Environmental Action committee and the Burrowing Owl Committee, Dave Cook has decided to resign his posts. Dave's direction of the committees has been proactive, steady and strong, and we are extremely sorry to lose his wisdom, energy and leadership. Dave plans to continue and participate in the yearly CBC, the Cavity Nesters Program, and other bird conservation projects. Thank you Dave, and best wishes from the environmental advocates.

Shoreline Burrowing Owl Preservation Plan: The Shoreline Burrowing Owl Preservation Plan has been approved by the Mountain View City Council. The plan designated lands as Burrowing Owl Preserves throughout Shoreline, recommends hiring a full-time Burrowing Owl biologist, and requires the implementation of an adaptive management plan for the owls and their prey species. This is the culmination of three years of work by SCVAS, the Burrowing Owl Committee, SJSU students, many wonderful volunteers, diligent city staff, and visionary City of Mountain View City Council Members. We thank all of you who supported and contributed to this effort as we celebrate the burrowing owls of Shoreline Park.

Habitat Conservation Plan: For over 7 years, SCVAS has participated as a stakeholder in the development of the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The plan includes a comprehensive Burrowing Owl Conservation Plan that may provide us with needed regulation and funding to secure and manage habitat for the owls as development in North San Jose and Moffett Field continues to threaten the species with local extirpation. We continue to advocate for the HCP, and hope it is approved by the City of San Jose in January 2013.

Upper Penitencia Creek, San Jose: Environmental documents for a plan to build 20 homes in the floodplain and within the riparian habitat of Upper Penitencia Creek (Mabury Road) attracted critical comment letters from SCVAS and many other organizations and individuals. The plan has been withdrawn for the time being.

Volunteer Ventures

by Toby Goldberg,
Programs Coordinator

What do you get when you mix a beloved idea, passionate volunteers, dedicated organizations, fun presentations and some amazing donors and supporters? You get our 21st annual Wildlife Education Day - held on October 27th, 2012!

Thanks to the many minds (and hands!) who helped coordinate, plan and execute this past Autumn's event, our 21st festival was an amazing day. Everything went just about perfectly - even the weather cooperated! And everyone left having had some truly inspirational experiences.

Of course, this event doesn't happen by itself, and we have a lot of people that we would like to thank:

Our Event Sponsors:



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Los Gatos Bird Watcher
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Summer Winds of Campbell
Lucky Supermarket of Los Altos

Our Event Presenters:

Wild Cat Education and Conservation Fund
Felidae Conservation Fund
Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

Our Event Volunteers:

The SCVAS Board of Directors
The SCVAS Education Committee
And the many many others whose help made this event possible.

Thank YOU - one and all!!

Adult Education Classes - Winter 2013

To register please call the office at (408) 252-3740. All cancellations require 72-hour prior notification for refunds. Information about our upcoming classes is also available on our website at www.scvas.org.

Birding Workshops with Lisa Myers

Back by popular demand! We are thrilled to offer the following workshops from our long-time birding partner, Lisa Myers - founder of LetsGoBirding.com.

Beginning Birding

This class is designed for people who are curious about what it takes to be a birder. People often ask, where does one begin? No experience necessary as we go over field guides, optics, how to tell one bird from another, birding ethics, habitats, area hotspots and even a little taxonomy. Come on out - it will be a lot of fun.



Spotted Towhee
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Date: Class: Thur. 1/17; 7-8:30PM. Field: Sun. 1/20; 9AM-1PM.

Location: McClellan Ranch Preserve, Cupertino.

Fee: \$45 members; \$70 non-members

Winter in the Central Valley

California's Central Valley is a fabulous winter birding hotspot. This workshop will review the many species that winter here from waterfowl to cranes to raptors. Come learn how to tell Ross's from Snow Geese, Cackling Geese from Greater White-fronted and much more. Many of these species will soon be departing for northern breeding grounds, so don't hesitate.

Date: Class: Thur. 2/7; 7-8:30PM. Field: Sat. 2/9; 8AM-5PM.

Location: Class: McClellan Ranch Preserve, Cupertino. Field: Merced National Wildlife Refuge.

Fee: \$65 members; \$90 non-members

Spring is in the Air

This workshop will prepare us for all the activities that happen during the avian breeding season; spring migration, plumage changes, nest building, courtship behavior including song and territorial disputes. It's a fantastic time of year to be a birder. Come check it out for yourself and learn something new.



Wilson's Warbler
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Date: Class: Thur. 3/21; 7-8:30PM. Field: Sat. 3/23; 8AM-3PM. **Location:** Class: McClellan Ranch Preserve, Cupertino. Field: Picchetti Ranch OSP & surrounding areas. **Fee:** \$55 members; \$80 non-members

Nature Journaling with John Muir Laws

Join the Bay Area Nature Journal Club workshops! The Bay Area Nature Journal Club is a diverse community of artists and naturalists, of all levels, who meet together to connect to nature through art. Join us each month for a 1.5 hour technique workshop at McClellan Ranch; each workshop will focus on a



Bird Sketch
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different technique or topic (schedule available online at www.johnmuirlaws.com). January's Workshop: "How to Assemble the Perfect Nature Journal Kit."

The club and workshop program is inter-generational and family friendly. Both seniors and families - with mature children who have demonstrated an interest in nature sketching - are encouraged to participate.

Dates: 2nd Wed of each month - starting 1/9 - from 3-4:30PM (see online SCVAS calendar - scvas.org - for specific dates). **Location:** McClellan Ranch Preserve, Cupertino. **Fee:** FREE! All are encouraged to attend whenever and as often as they can. Donations are, of course, gratefully accepted. There is no RSVP required for these workshops.

LAST CHANCE: These trips are closing to new sign-ups soon!

Southeastern Arizona

May 10th-19th

with Bob Power and David Wimpfheimer

Cave Creek Canyon, the Huachuca and Chiricahua high country, Patagonia Roadside Rest area, and enough specialty birds to satisfy the most avid birders; in short, one of the top birding destinations in North America.

Fees: \$2195/person, double-occupancy. \$450 single supplement. Deposit of \$300 required by 1/15.

Alaska: Denali National Park and Kenai Fjords National Park

June 21st – July 5th

with Bob Power and David Wimpfheimer

Two spectacular national parks. Amazing animal sightings and birding highlights galore. And of course - the incomparable beauty of Alaska!

Fees: \$3950/person, double-occupancy; \$975 single supplement. Deposit of \$1000 due by 1/15.

Additional Information: Fees do not include airfare. A portion of your fees represent a tax-deductible donation to Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, **Trip limited to 10 participants.**



Long-tailed Jaeger
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Full trip details available on the SCVAS website - go to www.scvas.org and click on "Calendar." Or contact Gay Duvall at gayduvall@hotmail.com.

Field Notes

(October-November 2012)

by Bill Bousman

Geese through Falcons

The first substantial movement of **Greater White-fronted Geese** was of 24 over Morgan Hill on 26 Oct (SCR). Multiple flocks of birds over the Alviso ponds on 4 Nov (MMR, MJM, RGJ) totaled 122 birds, a good total for fall or winter. A single **Snow Goose** was also seen over the ponds on 4 Nov (MMR, MJM, RGJ). The first **Eurasian Wigeon** of the season was a male on the Sunnyvale WPCP oxidation ponds on 27 Oct (MMR). Subsequently birds were seen in Pond A1 and Adobe Creek, the South County Regional WasteWater Authority (SCRWA) treatment ponds in Gilroy, and Pond A14 in Alviso (v.ob.). **Blue-winged Teal** were found in multiple locations including one on Thompson Creek on 4 Oct (JPa, KBU), one to two birds at the Sunnyvale WPCP 7 Oct (MMR et al.) and 18 Nov (JKo, JFa), one to two in Artesian (Mallard) Slough in Alviso 13 Oct-23 Nov (MBo, MMR et al., SCT), one in Pond A1 on 18 Nov (AHe, AT), and three on the Guadalupe River below Trimble on 27 Nov (RWR, FV). **Redhead** have been found in good numbers along the Bay with 384 tallied on the Alviso ponds on 4 Nov (MMR, MJM, RGJ). Twenty were inland on Calaveras Reservoir on 7 Oct (MMR et al.). A male **Common X Barrow's Goldeneye** has returned to the Los Capitancillos percolation ponds as of 12 Nov (AV) for its seventh winter there. It was a good month for loons (in many ways). A **Red-throated Loon** was seen off the Palo Alto Baylands on 23 Nov (JTh). A juvenile **Pacific Loon** landed in a Palo Alto yard on 20 Nov (PMB) and was captured and released in the Bay. A **Common Loon** was seen in the Ogier Avenue ponds 25-26 Oct (MJM, RWR, v.ob.). A **Brandt's Cormorant** was found in a light industrial area off Hwy 237 on 1 Oct (MJe). We have had a series of puzzling 'wrecks' in the springs of 2009 and 2011, but this is the first fall bird to become lost this way. It apparently left on its own power. Another (or the same?) bird was seen in Pond A12 in Alviso on 6 Oct (KSc). A single **Pelagic Cormorant** was seen again on Pond A11 in Alviso on 4 Nov (MMR, MJM, RGJ). More juvenile **Brown Pelicans** have been found inland than we saw 10 or 20 years ago. The highest number along the Bay was 28 on Pond A11 in Alviso on 15 Nov (MMR, MJM). An **American Bittern** was seen in the entrance channel to the Mountain View Forebay on 6 Oct (BJ) and has remained through the period (m.ob.). It is assumed to be the same bird found there in recent winters. The only **White-faced Ibis** were in a flock of eight birds over Great America on 7 Oct (ViT). A light morph adult **Ferruginous Hawk** returned

to the Coyote Valley on 1 Oct (LMY) and has remained there through the period (m.ob.). In the same location, a juvenile dark morph **Ferruginous** was seen on 11 Oct (GW) and 12 Oct (RPh). Additional birds included an adult in the San Antonio Valley on 13 Oct (RCP et al.) and a juvenile in Alviso on 4 Nov (MMR, MJM, RGJ). At least one **Prairie Falcon** was seen in Coyote Valley 5-24 Nov (v.ob.).

Plovers through Dippers

A juvenile **Snowy Plover** was unusual along Adobe Creek on 8 Oct (AHO). Fifty-nine birds remained on the salt flats east of the Alviso Marina CP on 11 Oct (WGB), even as they were being flooded. All were gone by November. Two birds were on Pond A9 on 11 Nov (MMR, MJM). There was a scattering of late or wintering

Rare late fall birds included an Eastern Phoebe, a couple of Lapland Longspurs, and a Harris's Sparrow

Lesser Yellowlegs with a high count of four on Pond A12 in Alviso on 15 Nov (MMR, MJM). An inland bird on Eagle Lake in Joseph Grant CP on 10 Oct (MO'B, DR) was unexpected. Pond A9 in Alviso was unusually productive for **Red Knots** this season with 52 there on 11 Oct (WGB), seven on 4 Nov (MMR, MJM, RGJ), and a record count of 273 on 15 Nov (MMR, MJM). They often mix with Black-bellied Plovers at high-tide roosts and one wonders how many uncounted knots were hidden among the plovers on 15 Nov. Nine **Sanderling** were found in the Alviso ponds on 4 Nov (MMR, MJM, RGJ) and 29 were tallied on 15 Nov (MMR, MJM). A few **Pectoral Sandpipers** were found in early October, including two birds in New Chicago Marsh through 7 Oct (v.ob.), one or two birds in the Lockheed Martin ponds and A3W on 6 Oct (RKe et al.), and one in Pond A12 on 7 Oct (RFu). The basic adult male **Ruff** at State and Spreckles in Alviso continued until 31 Oct (m.ob.). A few **Wilson's Phalaropes** linger into October, but the single bird on Grant Lake on 9 Oct (JTh) was unexpected at such an inland location. **Red-necked Phalaropes** also linger into October, but the juvenile found near the Alviso Marina CP on 4 Nov (MMR, MJM, RGJ) was very late. **Elegant Terns** rarely linger into November so approximately 19 birds in Alviso on 4 Nov (MMR, MJM, RGJ) and 14 there on 15 Nov (MMR, MJM) were very late. Our latest record is of two birds seen on 19 Nov 2010. Perhaps this will be a good winter for **Short-eared Owls**. Single birds were seen along the Alviso Slough Trail on 4 Nov (MMR, MJM, RGJ) and 23 Nov (MO'B). Two birds

were found foraging in the Palo Alto FCB on 18 Nov (RWR) and one was there again on 22 Nov (SCT). We rarely encounter migrant **Northern Saw-whet Owls**, but one was found in the Sunnyvale Baylands Park on 27 Oct (RKe, PKe). At least two female or immature **Selasphorus** hummingbirds lingered at a Morgan Hill feeder until 14 Oct, and one was still there on 13 Nov (SCR). These were likely late migrant Rufous Hummingbirds. Seven **Lewis's Woodpeckers** were in San Antonio Valley on 13 Oct (RCP et al.). More surprising was one in Joseph Grant CP on 24 Nov (JHi). A juvenile male **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** was found in Ed Levin CP on 19 Oct (SCR) and has remained there into November (m.ob.). An **Eastern Phoebe** was photographed along the Guadalupe River at West Taylor on 7 Nov (GKe), perhaps the same bird found there last winter. The **Red-breasted Nuthatch** irruption is showing signs of becoming one of the largest in the last thirty years (m.ob.). Typically, the largest numbers are associated with a fall movement that trails off in November, but in years like this we often continue to see birds widely in the county into spring. A few **Blue-gray Gnatcatchers** appear to be trying to overwinter. One was along Calero Creek on 11 Oct (JPa), another was near Matadero Creek in the Palo Alto FCB on 24 Oct (MDo), and a third was along Harry Road on 4 Nov (JPa). Single **American Dippers** were seen in Sanborn-Skyline CP on 5 Oct (CS) and along Los Gatos Creek in Los Gatos on 27 Oct (PK).

Kinglets through Evening Grosbeaks

Golden-crowned Kinglets often show an irruptive movement in fall that is synchronous with that of Red-breasted Nuthatches, but much weaker. One heard in lower Sanborn-Skyline CP on 5 Oct (PDu) might possibly be a local dispersant, but individuals in the Sunnyvale Bayland Park on 19 Oct (PKe) and 23 Oct (RWR), on Wilson Ridge in Coe Park on 4 Nov (JY, AL), and in a San Jose yard on 11 Nov (LWR) are clearly irruptive birds. Single male **Phainopepla** were seen near the CDF station on Smith Creek on 10 Oct (MO'B, DR) and on Roop Road near the Mendoza Ranch entrance to Coyote Lake CP on 13 Nov (JPa et al.). Two **Lapland Longspurs** were with Horned Larks in a field southeast of the San Pedro percolation ponds on 16 Nov (SCR). They could be heard and seen when the lark flock flushed, but otherwise the stubble field provided cover for them. A **Northern Waterthrush**, wintering in the Charleston Road marsh, was heard on 27 Oct (RFu) and 22 Nov (AME). A HY male **Nashville Warbler** was captured at the Coyote Creek Field Station on 7 Oct (SFBBO). One was found at the Sunnyvale Baylands Park on 9 Oct (RKe, PKe) and presumably the same bird was seen again on 10 and 12 Oct (v.ob.). Another Nashville was seen in Stevens Creek CP on 23 Oct (RKe). Three **Palm Warblers** were found during the period, but none were

Field Notes *cont'd*

seen again. The first was a bird along the maintenance road path next to Shoreline GC on 24 Oct (PDU). The next was one beside Stevens Creek above Crittenden Lane on 27 Oct (MMR). The last was near the outfall channel at the Palo Alto Baylands on 27 Nov (PDU). A female **Black-throated Gray Warbler** along the Guadalupe River Trail below Coleman on 6 Oct-27 Nov (JPa) apparently is attempting to winter. An adult female **Hermit Warbler** was seen at the Charleston Road marsh on 27 Oct (RFu) and may also winter. Two **Swamp Sparrows** were found during the period. The first was on the east side of Stevens Creek opposite the tidal marsh on 5 Nov (RKe, PKe) and the other was seen along the outfall channel at the Palo Alto Baylands on 27 Nov (PDU), probably a bird that wintered there last year. The first **White-throated Sparrow** of the season was in a Morgan Hill yard on 10 Oct (SCR); 12 different birds have been recorded in the period (m.ob.). A **Harris's Sparrow** was discovered near the Stevens Creek Tidal Marsh on 30 Oct (KB). It was refound there on 2 Nov (v.ob.). Two **'Slate-colored' Juncos** have turned up, one along Stevens Creek on 27 Oct (MMR) and the other at the Arastradero Preserve in Palo Alto on 8



*Lapland Longspur
photo by Tom Grey*

Nov (PDU). **Great-tailed Grackles** have been seen in the vicinity of the Coyote Valley during the period. Two were at the Ogier Avenue ponds on 7 Oct (RFu). Two to 24 were seen at the Coyote Creek GC 18 Oct-24 Nov (MJM, JTh), with the high count on 8 Nov (JTh). One was along Laguna Avenue on 18 Nov (JTh). Remarkable numbers of **Pine Siskins** have been found locally (and along the West Coast). The largest concentrations have been at feeders, but flocks have been found widely throughout the flatlands as well as in the Diablo Range and Santa Cruz Mountains. This is the best winter since 2004-05. The only reports of **Lawrence's Goldfinches** were of a pair at Vasona CP on 11 Oct (KBU) and one in a Morgan Hill yard on 21 Oct (SCR). Ten **Evening Grosbeaks** were seen flying over Monte Bello OSP on 24 Nov (GHa).

Observers: Katherine Bass (KB), Michael Bolte (MBo), Bill Bousman (WGB), Phyllis Browning (PMB), Karen Burnson (KBu), Matthew Dodder (MDo), Pete Dunten (PDU), Al Eisner (AME), Janet Farmer (JFa), Rob Furrow (RFu), Garth Harwood (GHa), Ann Hepenstal (AHe), Jan Hintermeister (JHi), Alice Hoch (AHO), Richard Jeffers (RGJ), Mike Jennings (MJe), Bob Juhl (BJ), Roland Kenner (RKe), Pat Kenny (PKe), Greg Kerekes (GKe), Petra Kinsman (PK), Joanna Koch (JKo), Amy Lauterbach (AL), Mike Mammoser (MJM), Lisa Myers (LMY), Matt O'Brien (MO'B), Janna Pauser (JPa), Ryan Phillips (RPh), Bob Power (RCP), Bob Reiling (RWR), Laurie West Roberts (LWR), Dave Rocha (DR), Mike Rogers (MMR), Steve Rottenborn (SCR), San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (SFBBO), Ken Schneider (KSc), Clysta Seney (CS), Andrew Tey (AT), Jim Thomas (JTh), Vivek Tiwari (ViT), Steve Tracey (SCT), Frank Vanslager (FV), Ann Verdi (AV), Gail West (GW), and Jim Yurchenco (JY).

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SCVAS Events Calendar:

Wed. 1/2 & 2/6, 7:30-9PM

The Bay Area Bird Photographers Meeting - Lucy Evans Baylands Interpretive Center - East Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto.

Topics TBA - See babp.org

Tues. 1/8 & 2/12; 10:00AM

Eve Case Bird Discussion Group - meets at the home of Pat Dubois, 17150 Buena

Vista Ave., Los Gatos (408) 395-4264

Topic 1/8: Endangered or nearly extinct birds in the Americas, including the Hoary-Throated Spinetail

Topic 2/12: Tufted Titmouse

Mon. 1/21; 8:30AM-12:30PM

Young Audubon "Day of Service" activity
A new tradition (we hope!). Join us at McClellan Ranch Preserve to help restore some of the park's natural beauty.

Mon. 2/18; Morning (exact times TBD)

Young Audubon Elephant Seal Tours at Año Nuevo State Park

Join us for a truly unforgettable experience (see page 11 for details).

Note: For all Young Audubon Activities: Call 408-252-3740 for the most current information or to make reservations. Information is also available on our website - scvas.org (click on "Kids' Corner").

Cavity Nesters Recovery Program (CNRP) Activities

Get involved this spring - enjoy the outdoors, and help our local cavity nesting species!

Sat. 2/16; 10AM-1:30PM

Orientation and Info Meeting; Monitor Hands-on Training
McClellan Ranch Preserve, Cupertino

10:00-11:30AM: We'll start the morning with a general information session for potential and/or new nest box monitors - or just-interested folks. This will provide some insight as to what's going on with our local cavity nesting bird populations, and how you can help stop their decline.

11:30AM-12:00PM: Light Lunch (provided by SCVAS)

12:00-1:30PM: After lunch, we'll walk along the nest box trail at McClellan Ranch Preserve and learn how to open nest boxes for monitoring, how to identify the different species, and how to trouble shoot. For all new monitors committed to the 2013 breeding season or any existing monitors who would like a refresher.

RSVP to 408-252-3740 or programs@scvas.org. **NOTE: You do not have to attend both sessions, but new monitors should attend the AM session.**

Sat. 3/9; 9AM-12PM (TBC)

Off-Site Nest Box Training
Arastradero Open Space Preserve, Palo Alto. **Note:** Training begins at 9AM, but participants need not attend the full 3 hours if unable to do so. *RSVP as at left.*



****Current CNRP Monitors****

Don't forget to prepare for the 2013 breeding season by cleaning out your boxes by the end of February

The 2013 SCVAS Spring Birdathon Wants YOU!

Everyone, from beginner to expert birder, can participate in the 2013 SCVAS Spring Birdathon, a **major fundraising event** for SCVAS Conservation efforts and youth Environmental Education, raising over \$77,000 in 2012.

Your participation makes a difference to kids, birds, and quality of life in the South Bay.

- **Anyone can win fabulous prizes**, from birding trips to exotic resort getaways, excellent wines, and much more, by raising money and being a top fundraiser! It's not like the top 3 get prizes, or the top 5, or the top ten; **more than 30 participants won prizes** last year. This is a fun event folks. Join on in!



photo: Tom Grey

Best Bird 2012: Harris' Sparrow
(Persistent Picidaes -24-hour category)

- **Anyone can join a team** by donating or raising at least \$50.
- **Anyone can sponsor a team or individual**. Check www.scvas.org/birdathon after February 1st, 2013, to pick a Birdathon team or individual to sponsor. Call the office to make a tax-deductible donation to a team or individual or donate online at www.scvas.org.

How to join in the Birdathon fun, raise money, and compete for a prize:

1. Check scvas.org/birdathon for rules, information, and prize list after February 1st, 2013. Check back, as the prize list will be updated often.
2. **Talk to your birding friends** about forming a **Self-Guided Team** or joining a Guided Team (see list at right - or go online after February 1st) for the 2013 SCVAS Spring Birdathon, pick a day to bird from March 23rd to April 21st, inclusive.

*** Photographers - participate in the Birdathon too! Just check the rules; details at right.***

3. **Register** yourself and your team or join a **Guided Team** led by one of our many expert birders (see below) by calling Susan Bell at the SCVAS Office, 408-252-3747 or online at scvas.org/birdathon
 - A. In the "4-hour category," join a team that birds several spots in four hours, or join one of our "Big Sit" teams.
 - B. In the "24-hour category" join an all day guided team;

Whether you're a "fledgling" or a "birding machine" - this could be you in 2013!



4. **Plan your birding day** with your Self-Guided teammates. Create a 4-Hour or 24-hour Birdathon that fits your team.
5. **Raise money - at least \$50 per team member**. It's so much easier than you think. **Follow the fundraising tips** in your Birdathon packet and you'll find out how easy it can be.
6. **Bird with your team** on your Birdathon Day and have fun!
7. **Collect your pledges** and be sure to turn in the money you've raised, pledge sheets, and results form to the SCVAS office by **May 14th, 5:00 p.m.**, to be eligible for prizes.
8. **Attend the free Birdathon Awards Dinner on Wednesday, June 5th.**



photo: Tom Grey

Best Bird 2011: Short-eared Owl
(Snipe Hunters -24-hour category)

The SCVAS Birdathon Committee hopes this is the year YOU will decide to join in the fun!

Can't participate? Please consider sponsoring a team or an individual participant with a donation. Call Susan Bell at the SCVAS Office, 408-252-3747 or sponsor online at scvas.org/birdathon.

Go "Guided"--Join one of our Prearranged Spring Birdathon Teams

We are looking for all levels of birders to join one of our prearranged Big-sit, 4-hour, or 24-hour (maximum count time) Guided Birdathon teams. All you have to do is raise the minimum requirement of \$50, grab your binoculars and go birding! Beginners can out-compete experts for great prizes by gathering more donations. Space on guided teams is limited. Register for and see descriptions of these teams at scvas.org/birdathon. These teams are for adults over 17. The registration deadline is one week before the trip date. Each leader will contact you with complete details.

4-hour Birdathon Teams

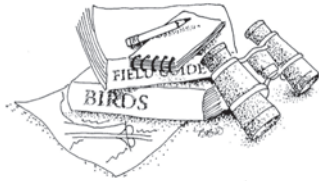
There is nothing more exciting than trying to see 100 species in four hours. These 4-hour birdathons give you the taste of a Big Day, let you participate in the birdathon fun, and still be home for supper.

Lean Green Birding Machine (LGBM) with Rob Furrow – Sat, April 6th. All on bikes, completely green, completely fun.

Hi-Speed Rails with Bob Power - Sat, April 13th. All on foot. Can we hit 100????!!!!!!

Rushing Thrushes with Bob Power - Sat, April 20th. Not on foot; an adrenaline rush.

Other teams to be announced



24-hour Birdathon Teams

Nothing gets the excitement rolling better than a traditional Big Day Birdathon. You will find all families of birds in many different habitats. You will wow your donors who pledged for every species you see. We hand-picked these skilled team leaders for an unforgettable Big Day.

Persistent Picidae with Lisa Myers – Sun, April 14th

Rock Wrens with Bob Hirt – Date TBD

SAVvy Migrants with Bill Bousman – Date TBD. Bill Bousman will lead the San Antonio Transect Team through the northeastern corner of the county and back again!

Varied Twitchers with Mike Rogers – Sat, April 20th

DeDUCKtions with Matthew Dodder – Sat, April 20th

Bob-O-Links with Bob Power – Sun, April 14th

Who will challenge the great ones? Want to lead a Big Day team? This is your year! Contact bob@scvas.org

Join in the Big-sit Challenge: Sunday April 7th



Multiple teams in multiple locations competing against each other and trying to break through the 60 species barrier. Calling all teams: join the fun and register now!



Yellow-rumped Squatters with Lori Cuesta – Probable location McClellan Ranch

Data-sets with Stephanie Ellis (TBC) – Probable location Shoreline Lake

Eagle Eyes with Bob Power – Probable location Coyote Lake

Your name belongs here! Form your team and join Year 3 in the grand tradition of Big Sits throughout the world!

What's a "Big-sit?" Participants I.D. as many birds as possible from within a 17-foot diameter circle, within a 4-hour period of time. A tail-gate party for birders!

Photographer's Birdathon!

Eight pioneering photographers launched the Photographer's Birdathon in 2011. In 2012, Barry Langdon-Lasagne shattered the 24-hour record with 123 species captured and Julio Mulero took the 4-hour honors with 49 captures from a tugboat! Join us for year three of this photographer's challenge.

Using the same time period, March 23rd to April 21st, photographers can form their own teams, team up with a birder friend, or join a big day team to maximize their chances at photographing the most species. Photographers will compete with other birders for the fundraising prizes but will have their own recognition for **best bird photograph, rarest bird, and most identifiable bird species**. Photographers winning in each category will be memorialized on a plaque in the SCVAS office. Additionally, the winner of the best bird photograph (judged contest) and the rarest bird photograph, will have their **photos featured on our web-site and framed and featured in our office for one year**. At the end of the year, the photo will be given to the photographer or donated to the following year's birdathon prizes.

Dust off your lenses and clear your calendars. Photographers, time to join in the fun!

Facebook *(cont'd from page 1)*

The Facebook team took “wildlife friendly behavior” to a new level, responding to our concerns far beyond what was than required by law or environmental regulation. Facebook hired Gehry Partners LLP to design the new campus (among many spectacular projects around the globe, Frank Gehry designed the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, and the Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles) and asked the architects to create a relatively simple design that would enhance both the industrial and the natural environments that surround the campus. The resulting design is an amazing 10-acre industrial building that would house not only Facebook’s innovative engineers, but also – BIRDS!!!.

Models of the new campus show a building where the entire 10-acre roof is planted with trees and shrubs – a challenge as the roof needs to be able to sustain the weight of about 150 trees, even in an earthquake, and the four feet of soil

that they need to survive. When complete, the building should be able to accommodate about 2,800 new Facebook employees, and the roof will become habitat for the migratory songbirds that travel through or nest in the area. Together with the Native Plant Society and expert Jeffrey Caldwell, SCVAS provided Facebook’s landscape designer with a list of recommended native plants that can be used to attract birds and provide them with food and shelter in all seasons.

We look forward to a fruitful partnership with Facebook, and continue to work with other companies in our valley on the adoption of Bird Safe Design and on habitat enhancements in and around their campus. Let us hope that these efforts will not only be a magnet for birds and birders in our community, but will be looked upon as a model for innovative environmental designs with global reach and influence.



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Making a Bequest to the SCVAS

Legacy Fund: How We Did It

by Diane and Peter Hart, SCVAS Board Members

While in the process of reviewing our estate plan recently, we asked our lawyer about including a bequest to SCVAS in our will. His advice was to make bequests to charitable organizations by naming them as beneficiaries in one of our IRA accounts. His reasons were these: making a bequest from an IRA account is simple, doesn't require a lawyer, doesn't generate legal fees, and can be easily changed as desired. Moreover, a charitable gift from an IRA passes tax-free to a non-profit group like SCVAS.

Armed with this advice, we elected to designate one of our IRA accounts as our "Bequest IRA." We first decided how much money we felt comfortable leaving in that account for bequests. Having made that adjustment, we contacted the account custodian to request a change of beneficiaries. Between us we had five organizations we wanted to honor with bequests. We listed them all on the beneficiary form along with the percentage of the account to go to each one.

It really was that easy! Moreover, should our giving goals change over time, we can change who gets what by filling out a new beneficiary form. In future articles, we will explore other ways to make a bequest to the SCVAS Legacy Fund.

Elephant Seal Breeding Season is here! Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to see pups and breeding adults up close!

SCVAS sponsored tours of Año Nuevo State Reserve

**Date: Monday, February 18th*
(President's Day)**

(*We are reserving three tours - times still TBC as of this issue's printing)

Cost/person: \$7 for SCVAS members; \$9 for non-members.

Go online - www.scvas.org and click on "Kids' Corner" - or call (408) 252-3740 for specific times and more information.

Please call to make reservations.

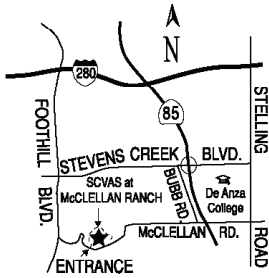
Space is limited, so call early!

NOTE: There is a separate \$10/car vehicle fee collected at Park entrance. Carpooling is strongly encouraged as parking is limited, but must be arranged by participants. SCVAS can not coordinate rides.

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